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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1) Transmittal Letter;
- 2) Response to Restriction Requirement; and
- 3) Return Postcard for this transmittal.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, including any submitted herewith if the attached check(s) is in the wrong amount or otherwise improper or missing, that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers, or with this application during its entire pendency to or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2004 containing a restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I (Claims 1-17), drawn to a method of measuring optical aberration.

The Examiner required election between Group I (Claims 1-17), Group II (Claims 18-27), Group III (Claims 28-37), and Group IV (Claims 38-49). Applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications directed to the non-elected claims.

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